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## UD RECITAL TO FEATURE THE MUSIC OF INDIA

DAYTON, Ohio — The University of Dayton Arts Series will present an inside look into the 2,000-year-old tradition of the music of India.

Kartik Seshadri, a renowned performer of the sitar, will perform the lutelike instrument from India at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, in Boll Theatre in Kennedy Union.

Seshadri's performance is part of the UD Art Series. Ticket prices are \$8 for the general public and \$5 for alumni. Tickets are available by calling the UD Bookstore at (937) 229-3233 or the Boll Theatre Box Office at (937) 229-2545.

Seshadri was recognized in India as a child prodigy when he played his first major Sitar recital at the age of 6. It was through his association with Pandit Ravi Shankar, a sitar performer, composer and teacher, that earned Seshadri recognition as one of the foremost Indian musicians of today. He has performed extensively throughout India and in the United States. He has participated in music festivals such as the Sangeeth Music Academy, the Indian Fine Arts Society and the Madras Music Academy in India. He has also accompanied Shankar in major concert halls in Europe, the Middle East, Japan, Mexico and the United States.

Seshadri is also known as a composer. His best-known composition, *Quartet for a Raga*, was premiered in Washington D.C. by the Contemporary Music Forum.

"Unlike Western classical music," Shankar says, "as much as 90 percent of Indian [classical] music may be improvised, depending on the artistic facility and creative imagination of the performer. Our musical tradition is an oral one taught directly to the student by his guru rather than by the system of written notation used in the west."

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